



Juvenile Facilities

At

Eldora and Toledo

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Purpose

The purpose of both the State Training School at Eldora and the Iowa Juvenile Home at Toledo is to provide a complete range of treatment and educational services within a highly structured setting to assist youth who are adjudicated delinquent or children in need of assistance (CINA).

Who

- Eldora serves delinquent boys age 12-18. In SFY 10, the average daily census was 142 with 167 admissions and 195 discharges. There were also 87 court-ordered 30-day diagnostic evaluations.
- At Eldora, average age at admission is 16.5. Boys stay about nine months. Fifty-six percent need substance abuse treatment and 58 percent have special education needs.
- Toledo serves girls aged 12-18 adjudicated by the court as delinquent, and both male and female children in need of assistance (CINA). In SFY 10, the average daily census was 76. There were 76 admissions and 80 discharges. There were also 41 court-ordered 30-day diagnostic evaluations.
- At Toledo, average age at admission is approximately 16 for delinquent females and CINA females and approximately 15 for CINA males. Delinquent youth stay about five months; CINA youth stay about six to eight months. Forty-five percent need substance abuse treatment, and 73 percent have special education needs.

What

Both facilities provide:

- Basic education to develop fundamental academic and life skills. Special education services and vocational programs are offered.
- Substance abuse treatment and physical and mental health care services.
- Individualized care and treatment featuring behavioral programs.

How are We Doing?

- Readmissions: Of all youth admitted in SFY10, 16 percent at both Eldora and Toledo had previously been admitted.
- Education – percent of students who improved from pre- to post-test: Eldora reading and math progress were 74 percent and 68 percent. Toledo's numbers were 51 percent and 40 percent, respectively.
- Confidence builders: Eldora students erect Habitat for Humanity homes across the state. In addition, Eldora's Honor Corps group provides mentoring, presentations, and testimonials across the state to at-risk students and others. Toledo students participate in community service projects such as volunteering at the county care facility and the local humane society. Toledo youth regularly speak to middle school students for drug prevention awareness.
- In 2009 Eldora won accreditation by the American Correctional Association, with ACA reviewers saying Eldora's performance puts it among the elite in the country. Eldora was previously accredited in 1985 but had to relinquish it three years later when it was unable to sustain standards.
- Completion of the Toledo infrastructure project to build an addition to the school and remodel existing classrooms is anticipated by December 2010.